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SUBJ: POLITICAL/MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN OPORTO

1. THERE WAS NO APPARENT CHANGE TODAY IN STAND OFF BETWEEN NORTHERN MILITARY COMMANDER BG VELOSO AND DISSIDENT TROOPS OCCUPYING ARTILLERY REGIMENT QUARTERS (RASP). INFORMED SOURCE AT VELOSO'S HEADQUARTERS STATED THAT VELOSO "IS WAITING FOR ORDERS FROM LISBON". REPORTER WHO INTERVIEWED ONE OF THE FEW OFFICERS (2ND LIEUTENANT) OF "SOLDIERS WILL WIN" (SUV) TROOPS INSIDE RASP LAST NIGHT TOLD ME THAT SUV IS PREPARED TO END ITS OCCUPATION OF RASP ON ONE CONDITION: REOPENING OF OPORTO MILITARY DRIVING TRAINING CENTER (CICAP) WITH ORIGINAL CICAP ELEMENTS INTACT. SUV OFFICER TOLD REPORTER THAT SHOULD THIS CONDITION BE MET, IT WOULD ALSO MEAN THE RESIGNATION OF BG VELOSO.

2. THE CITY OF OPORTO MEANWHILE IS BRACING ITSELF FOR ANOTHER POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION TONIGHT. THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED OPORTO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED A RALLY "IN DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION" IN DOWNTOWN OPORTO ADJOINING AREA WHERE SOCIALISTS HAVE SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION AT THE SAME TIME. ANOTHER RALLY BY MORE EXTREME LEFTISTS (FUR), WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR

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LAST NIGHT, IS NOW SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE RIVER IN

FRONT OF RASP QUARTERS.

3. THERE WAS SOME INDICATION EARLIER TODAY THAT CIVIL GOVERNOR
WOULD REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF ALL DEMONSTRATIONS IN OPORTO
AREA BUT NO DECISION HAS AS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM EYEWITENSS SOURCE REGARDING
OCT 8/9 CLASH AT RASP CONFIRMS THAT TANK (M-47) WAS BRIEFLY
USED BY SUV ELEMENT IN EARLY MORNING HOURS TO DISPERSE POPULAR
DEMOCRAT (PPD) SUPPORTERS. TANK IS PRESUMABLY BACK INSIDE RASP
QUARTERS AT PRESENT TIME.

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